

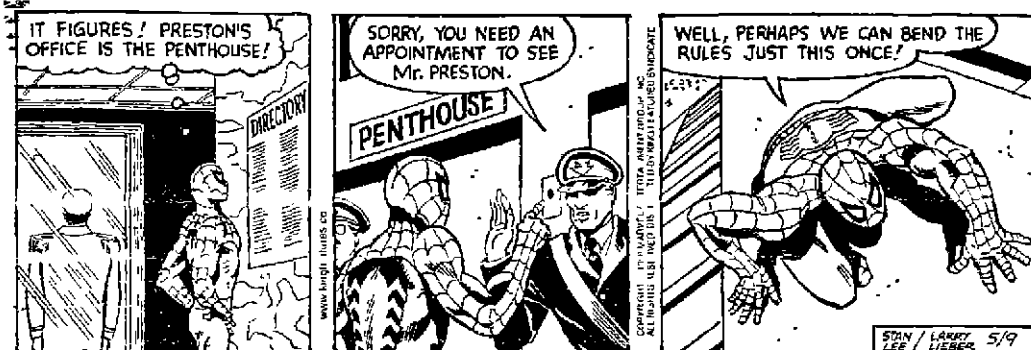
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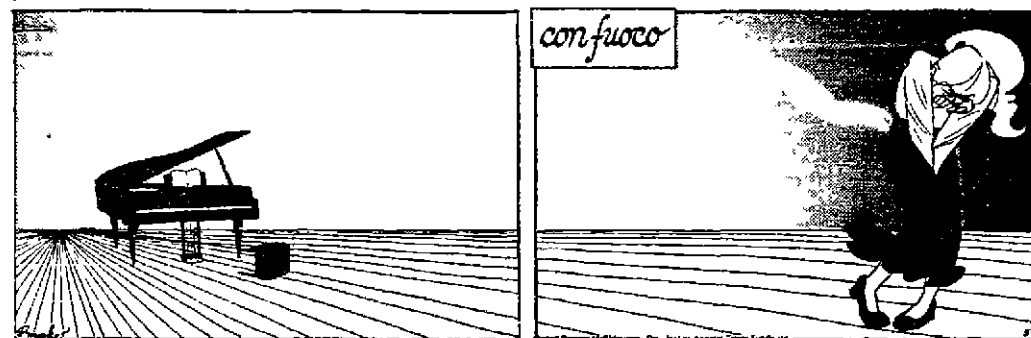
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



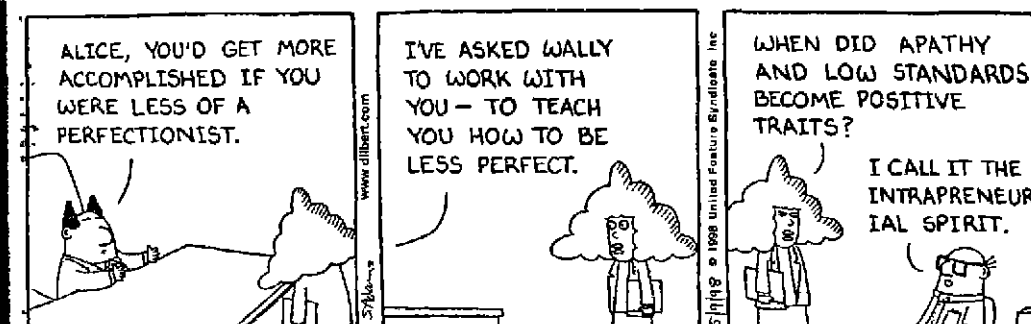
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



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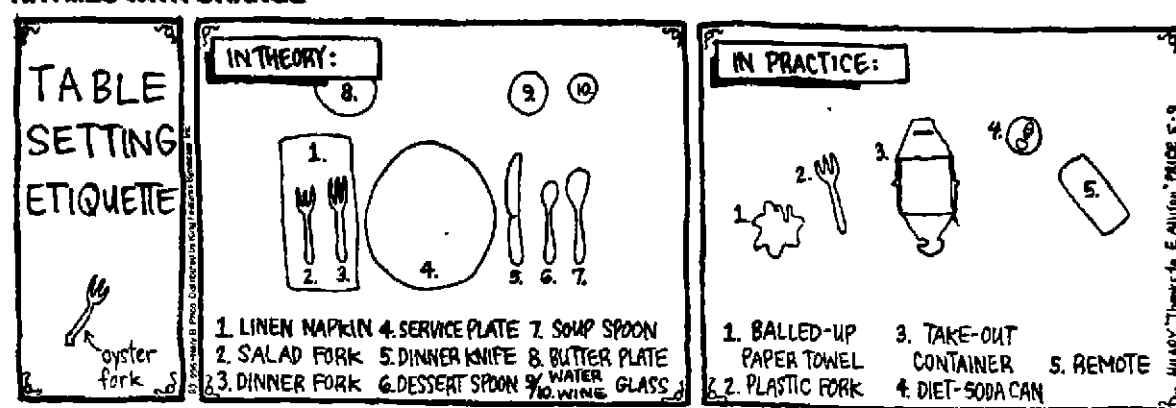
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



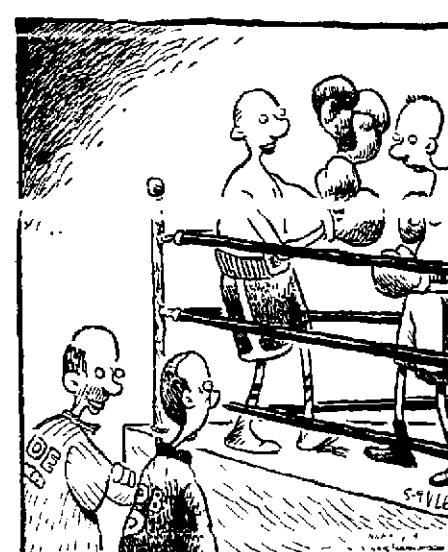
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Country singer Hank Snow is 84. CBS News correspondent Mike Wallace is 80. Actor Albert Finney is 62. Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 61. Singer Tommy Roe is 56. Actress Candice Bergen is 52. Actor Anthony Higgins is 51. Singer Billy Joel is 49. Actress Alley Mills is 47. Singer Dave Gahan (Depeche Mode) is 36. Singer Tamia is 23. Rock musician Dan Regan (Reel Big Fish) is 21.

I NEED HELP



"He wasn't much of a fighter till I taught him how to double up his fists."

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 100-110 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5/9/98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

N	S	A	A	R	K	C
W	D	K	E	E	S	D
P	U	U	O	N	T	S
B	E	O	V	S	R	E

RACK 1: N S A A R K C
RACK 2: W D K E E S D
RACK 3: P U U O N T S
RACK 4: B E O V S R E

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

- Beans

N P L I E B X U Q N J G D Z W
T O N K H D A X J U R P M J G
D A X V S A Q N U K I F D A X
V T Q O M J L H M F R C A Y W
U R P N L B J L P K O H F D B
Z X V T R U G N I R T S Q O M
K I H L P T O D N N S F A D B
Z Y W A L T N E G V A O T R Q
O N N M N E E F F O C V Y L K
I S H I Y R H E L O P F Y D C
A Z P L G X W S C V U S R Q O

Friday's unlisted clue: CANYON

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hunt: MARTIME MILITARY FORCE

Butter Green Pinto Soy
Castor Jumping Pole String
Cocoa Kidney Shell
Coffee Lima Snap Vanilla

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, May 10, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A quiet family time awaits. Do be sure that you phone that long-neglected family member.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to explore your spiritual side. Try to find some time to be alone. Quiet meditation can soothe your soul.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That petty retort made in anger doesn't become you. Make amends before the situation gets out of hand.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's full steam ahead for you on that pet project. But don't neglect your family in your zeal to get things done.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're not doing yourself any favors by thinking you've gotten away with something. Ultimately, the truth will be revealed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You might spend time nursing a cold or other minor ailment. In general, it's a day of family harmony.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Put yourself in someone else's shoes — which is something you usually have no trouble doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your strength and resilience are amazing. Family and friends rally around you seeking your advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Misunderstandings and miscommunication are probable. However, you get to the bottom of all the babble and sort things out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Someone close to you tries your patience. Do your best not to overreact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You're in an adventurous mood and crave some unusual fun activity. Don't be reckless, though.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your mind isn't on your family, it's on the work week ahead. That could cause a spat with your mate.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"It took a bad break in two suits to beat the slam," whined South. "If hearts are 4-3 or if clubs are 3-3, I take an easy 12 tricks."

"You would have had no chance against a diamond lead," corrected North. "After that lucky break, you should have played for a safe 12 tricks." South took West's accommodating spade lead and cashed his king and queen of hearts. Then he led a club to dummy's king to cash two more hearts. Returning to his club suit, South ran into trouble when the suit didn't break 3-3.

Without five running club winners, he could not avoid two losers, and the slam went one down. Where did South go wrong? Instead of hurriedly leading to dummy's club king to cash dummy's hearts, South should have ducked a club in both hands. East wins an early club trick, but South remains in control. He wins East's exit, crosses to dummy's club king to cash the hearts and has an easy claim for 12 tricks when the clubs are not 5-1. What does the safe line of play give up? It concedes a 30-point overtrick that might not have been lost, for the added chance to make the slam. How can a 30-point overtrick be worth enough to risk the value of a slam?

NORTH 95-99-A
♠ 7 5 4
♥ A J 7 3
♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ K 7

WEST ♠ J 10 9 6 3
♥ 6 2
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ 4 2

EAST ♠ 8 2
♥ 10 9 8 5 4
♦ Q 9
♣ J 10 8 3

SOUTH ♠ A K Q
♥ K Q
♦ A J 6
♣ A Q 9 6 5

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding
South West North East
3 NT* Pass 6 NT All pass
*25-27 HCP

Opening lead Spade jack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0328

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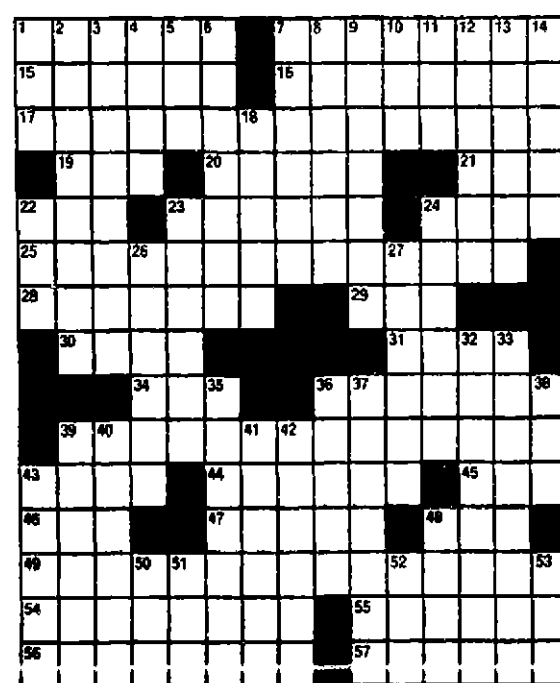
- 1 Loopy
7 Some roads
15 Montana strip
16 #13
17 More than just a fight
19 Abridged
20 Bill in Washington?
21 Old English length
22 Word with jacket or coal
23 Unabridged
24 Dismounted
25 Seafood entree
26 Big name in pet foods
29 Moreover
30 Small logging operator
31 1907-8 Series winner
34 Classified abbr.
36 Presumptive explorer?
39 Supermarket head
43 "The Mocker Mocked" artist, 1930
44 Strip
45 Many Trekkie costumes
46 Suffix with form
47 Saw
48 "Is that —?"
49 What FEMA provides
54 Lawn barrow feature
55 Certain gardener
56 Swords and such
57 Fleet

DOWN

- 1 Marked time
2 Place for a mark down
3 "Strange as it may seem..."
4 Confab
5 A abroad
6 Think worthy of doing
7 Resin used in varnishes
8 Remodels, e.g.
9 Vituperate
10 — Darya (Asian river)
11 Like
12 "Measure for Measure" villain
13 Chris of the N.B.A.
14 Troutlike fish
15 — Seuss title
22 The usual
23 Put away, in a way

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CHAP SYMS CLEM
ROSA TAMP GRAVE
AMIN OLMAN RIVER
DEAD CALM EASING
LAMAR ST PETE
ELISIONS TIE
TON BROAD ARCH
ONOR RILEY SHEP
ERIC RECAP APE
GUD MAKES PAR
TIAKIRIO KIFATIA
LUCICICLE LUTERRIP
MOTHER ALEX ARTI
EATER APOX PAIR
STYX BENT ELSE



Puzzle by David J. Kahn

- 24 Quantum
26 Frolicking, after "on"
27 Spot
28 Prude
29 Like a pie chart
30 Cooler
36 Punches
37 Hymns of thanksgiving
38 "You betcha!"
39 Football's Fighting —
40 Left off
41 Ransom
42 Knots
43 Praise
44 Polygonal recess
46 Amaze
47 — Na Na
48 Kind of culture
49 Adjudge

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"Okay, close your eyes, Joey. I'm gonna put in the secret ingredient."

"For mother's Day, Mommy, you can have all the strikes you want."